IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FLORENCE DIVISION

Entry Number 16

Lamill Holding Company; AGA Capital, LLC,) C/A No. <u>4:24-cv-04267-JD</u>
Plaintiff(s),))
v.) AMENDED CONFERENCE AND) SCHEDULING ORDER
Bitmain Technology Georgia Limited,))
Defendant(s).))
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Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Civil Rules of this Court, the following schedule is established for this case. Discovery may begin upon receipt of this order.

- 1. A conference of the parties pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f) shall be held no later than **September 11, 2024**. At conference the parties shall confer concerning all matters set forth in Fed.R.CivP. 26(f) and whether the schedule set forth in this order is appropriate and, if not, what modifications are necessary.²
- 2. No later than October 25, 2024, the required initial disclosures under Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1) shall be made.³
- 3. No later than September 25, 2024, the parties shall file a Rule 26(f) Report in the form attached to this order. Parties are hereby notified that Local Civil Rule 26.03 lists additional queries to be answered in the Rule 26(f) Report.
- Motions to join other parties and amend the pleadings (Fed.R.Civ.P.16(b)(3)(A)) shall be 4. filed no later than November 15, 2024.4

¹ Plaintiff's counsel shall initiate the scheduling of the Rule 26(f) conference with all counsel known to plaintiff regardless of whether they have filed appearances.

² The parties shall also consider whether they wish to consent to trial before a United States Magistrate Judge. See attached Notice of Availability of United States Magistrate Judge.

³ Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1), the parties may, by stipulation, agree not to make some or all of the Rule 26(a)(1) initial disclosures. If such a stipulation is made, it shall be confirmed in writing between the parties. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 29 and Local Civil Rule 29.01.

⁴ As a general rule, when no timely response is filed to any motion, the Court will grant the motion with the notation that it is being "granted without opposition."

5. Plaintiff(s) shall file and serve a document identifying by full name, address, and telephone number each person whom Plaintiff(s) expects to call as an expert at trial and certifying that a written report prepared and signed by the expert including all information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) has been disclosed to other parties by **February 15, 2024**.

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- 6. Defendant(s) shall file and serve a document identifying by full name, address, and telephone number each person whom Defendant(s) expects to call as an expert at trial and certifying that a written report prepared and signed by the expert including all information required by Fed. R. Civ.P. 26(a)(2)(B) has been disclosed to other parties by **January 15**, 2025.
- 7. Counsel shall file and serve affidavits of records custodian witnesses proposed to be presented by affidavit at trial no later than <u>February 15, 2024</u>. Objections to such affidavits must be made within fourteen (14) days after the service of the disclosure. (See Fed.R.Evid. 803(6), 902(11), or 902(12) and Local Civil Rule 16.02(D)(3)).
- 8. Discovery shall be completed no later than March 30, 2025. All discovery requests shall be served in time for the responses thereto to be served by this date. De bene esse depositions must be completed by discovery deadline. No motions relating to discovery shall be filed until counsel have consulted and attempted to resolve the matter as required by Local Civil Rule 7.02 and have had a telephone conference with Judge Dawson in an attempt to resolve the matter informally. The request for a telephone conference should be made within the time limit prescribed by local rule for filing such motion. Attorneys should send a request for a telephone conference via e-mail to dawson_ecf@scd.uscourts.gov. The parties shall set forth their respective positions in their request.
- 9. Mediation shall be completed in this case on or before <u>December 16, 2024</u>. See the Mediation Order filed in this case which sets forth mediation requirements.
- 10. All dispositive motions, Daubert motions, and all other motions, except those to complete discovery, those nonwaivable motions made pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12, and those relating to the admissibility of evidence at trial (other than Daubert motions), shall be filed on or before **April 17, 2025**.
- 11. No later than thirty (30) days before the date set for jury selection, the parties shall file and exchange Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) pretrial disclosures. Within 14 days thereafter, a party shall file and exchange Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) objections, any objections to use of a deposition designated by another party, and any deposition counter-designations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 32(a)(6). Deposition designations and counter-designations must specifically identify the portions to be offered, including page and line citations.
- 12. Motions in limine must be filed no later than <u>thirty (30) days before the date set for trial</u>. Written responses are due 7 days after the motion is filed.

- 13. Parties shall furnish the Court pretrial briefs 7 days prior to the date set for jury selection.5 Local Civil Rule 26.05 (D.S.C.). Attorneys shall meet at least 7 days prior to the date set for submission of pretrial briefs for the purpose of exchanging and marking all exhibits. See Local Civil Rule 26.07 (D.S.C.).
- 14. This case is subject to being called for jury selection and/or trial after <u>June 16, 2025</u>.

The parties' attention is specifically directed to Local Civil Rule 5.03 (D.S.C.) regarding the filing of confidential material. The parties' attention is also directed to the Court's website regarding instructions or other orders that may be applicable to your case

Joseph Dawson, III

United States District Judge

Dated: October 16, 2024 Florence, South Carolina

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.I.06, this order is being sent to local counsel only.

⁵ The pretrial brief information found in Local Civil Rule 26.05(A)–(M) (D.S.C.) shall be submitted only to the Judge's chambers. However, pretrial brief information contained in Local Civil Rule 26.05(N)–(O) (D.S.C.) shall be served on opposing parties.